



IMPACT REPORT

SOUTH DAKOTA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
DELTA DAVID GIER, MUSIC DIRECTOR

23

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WELCOME TO THE SOUTH DAKOTA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA IMPACT REPORT!

The SDSO thanks you, the donors, audiences, volunteers, and musicians for the many successes of the 2023-24 season.



OUR MISSION.

To inspire the best in all of us through music.

OUR VISION.

To be South Dakota's artistic leader and our nation's model for how an orchestra serves its communities.

OUR VALUES.

Dedication: we are committed to excellence in all we endeavor.

Integrity: we serve our communities with honesty and respect.

Belonging: all are welcomed at the South Dakota Symphony Orchestra.

OUR COMMITMENT.

Our commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion is to empower all constituents to actualize equity, belonging, diversity, and inclusion throughout the South Dakota Symphony Orchestra.

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4 PART TIME STAFF

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SDSO 2023-24 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

The 2023-2024 season was a celebration from start to finish!

It started with the concert **Celebrate America**, SDSO's star-spangled salute to South Dakota's military service members, and continued with a tribute to the **Beatle's coming to America** 60 years ago and the commemoration of principal clarinet **Christopher Hill's 37-year tenure** with his performance of a world premiere clarinet concerto. To top it off, **the season finale featured Delta David Gier conducting Symphony No. 3 of Gustav Mahler to commemorate his two decades as music director**. The 2023-24 season was all about celebration!

The SDSO is immensely grateful to T. Denny Sanford for his extraordinary contribution of \$2 MILLION for Children's Music Education Programs. Thank you, Mr. Sanford!



14

PERFORMANCES

12,717

IN ATTENDANCE

2,284

LIVESTREAM VIEWERS

WORLD PREMIERES IN THE 2023-24 SEASON



COMPOSERS



THOMAS PARENTE

Hijinx for Strings

January 20, 2024



STEPHEN YARBROUGH

Honore et laude

April 13, 2024



DANIEL DORFF

*Concerto No. 2 for
Clarinet and Orchestra*

April 13, 2024

2023-24 SEASON STATISTICS

24

GUEST ARTISTS

Emanuele Arciuli, piano
 Andrea Ross, singer
 Darrel Fickbohm, narrator
 Michelle Areyzaga, soprano
 Denise Gamez, alto
 Martin Luther Clark, tenor
 Robert Balonek, bass
 Alfreda Burke, soprano
 Rodrick Dixon, tenor
 Jeffrey Paul, oboe
 Paul Loren, singer and guitar
 Colin Smith, singer and guitar
 Rick Brantley, singer
 Oscar Rodriguez, guitar
 Brian Killeen, bass guitar
 Luke McGinnis, keyboard
 Jordan Rose, drums
 Joyce Yang, piano
 John Nelson, conductor
 Laura Wilde, soprano
 Daniel Okulitch, bass-baritone
 Christopher Hill, clarinet
 Margaret Lattimore, mezzo-soprano
 Angelus Choir

8

LIVING COMPOSERS

Adolphus Hailstork,
Symphony No. 3

Jessie Montgomery,
Banner

John Williams,
Born on the Fourth of July,
Summon the Heroes

Randall Svane,
American Fanfare

Caroline Shaw,
Entr'acte

Thomas Parente,
Hijinx for Strings

Stephen Yarbrough,
Honore et laude

Daniel Dorff,
Concerto No. 2 for B-flat
Clarinet and Orchestra

80

PERMANENT
TENURED
MUSICIANS

83

SDSO CHORUS
MEMBERS

33

Singers from Augustana's
 Angelus Choir joined
 the South Dakota
 Symphony Orchestra
 chorus for the season
 finale performance of
Symphony No. 3 by
 Gustav Mahler

AMERICAN COMPOSERS ORCHESTRA

CoLABoratory Workshop held at the LSS Multi-Cultural Center



L to R: Loki Karuna, ACO Director of Artist Equity
Composers: Michael Begay, Suzanne Kite, Raven Chacon



SDSO musicians perform Suzanne Kite's
new work utilizing a Lakota Shape Kit.

The SDSO partnered with CoLABoratory, a program of the American Composers Orchestra, giving audiences the opportunity to watch a new musical experiment unfold in real time, as composers explored new and form-breaking ideas in the realm of orchestral music.

Native American composers: Diné performer Michael Begay and Oglala Lakota artist Suzanne Kite, mentored by Pulitzer Prize winning Diné composer Raven Chacon, visited the Sioux Falls community to give an inside look into the process of putting together a newly composed piece.

MAESTRO DELTA DAVID GIER CELEBRATES HIS 20TH SEASON WITH THE SDSO



Scott Lawrence & Maestro Gier



Jack Marsh speaks to the crowd



Friends of the SDSO



Season finale performance of *Symphony No. 3* by Gustav Mahler



José-Marie Griffiths, Maestro Gier, and Julie J. Iverson



All conductors, musicians and guest artists take their final bow at the SDSO season finale

COMMUNITY & EDUCATION PROGRAMS



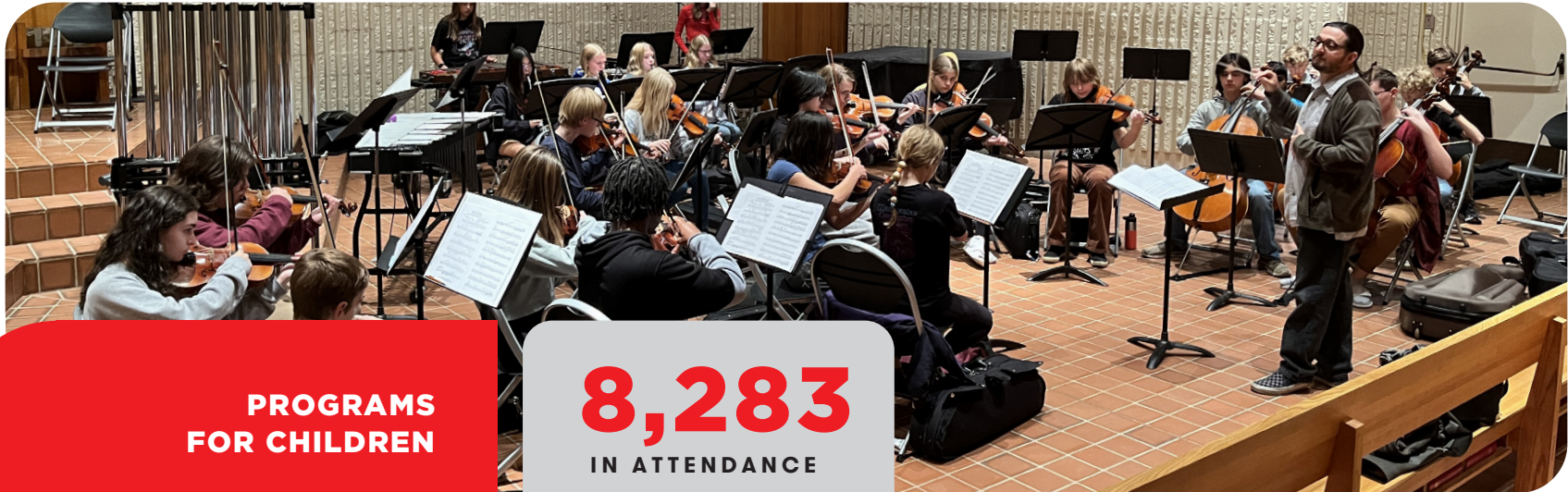
SDSO principal horn Dan Kitchens with the Dakota Wind Quintet at LifeScape



Dakota String Quartet at Cleveland Elementary School



Young Musicians Concerto Competition Winners



**PROGRAMS
FOR CHILDREN**

8,283
IN ATTENDANCE

**YOUNG PEOPLE'S
CONCERTS HIGHLIGHTS**

2,864
IN ATTENDANCE

**PROGRAMS
FOR ADULTS**

3,756
IN ATTENDANCE



MUSIC COMPOSITION ACADEMIES 2023

The Music Composition Academies offer 5 days of composition workshops with individual mentorship by composition teachers. The teachers serve as guides for each student to help them translate a musical idea into an instrumental composition, resulting in a new piece of music for either the Dakota String Quartet or the Dakota Wind quintet.

23
ORIGINAL PIECES

10 WEST RIVER
STUDENTS

13 SISSETON
STUDENTS

Compositions were performed in the students' communities and in school performances in Rapid City, Pine Ridge, Agency Village, and Sisseton. All twenty-three original pieces were showcased at the SDPB studios in Sioux Falls on Feb 1, 2024.

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MUSIC COMPOSITION ACADEMIES 2023

The students at the Sisseton academy traveled to the Abbey Grasslands of the Prairie Coteau [Restoration Site], directed and stewarded by Tracy Rosenberg. During this trip, the students hiked through the prairie and listened to different sounds heard in nature. The students at the West River academy visited the studio and ranch of sculptor Dale Lamphere in Sturgis. During this trip, the students were given a tour of Lamphere's metalworking studio and given the opportunity to explore the trails in the meadows beyond the workshop.

Exposure to different methods of creating art, combined with outdoor elements, created a varied experience allowing creativity to flourish. Several of the compositions were themed around nature and reinforced the impact of the natural world on creativity.

Both trips were a first of their kind for the Music Composition Academy and have begun a precedent for future programs to come.



SOUTH DAKOTA SYMPHONY YOUTH ORCHESTRA (SDSYO)

The South Dakota Symphony Youth Orchestra is an elite music education program comprised of five student ensembles, ranging from a string orchestra for beginning students to a symphonic orchestra for advanced players, and a chamber orchestra for student musicians ages 6 – 18. These ensembles provide an inspiring group setting

that gives young musicians the tools and training to pursue artistic passions, develop musical talents, and build leadership skills. SDSYO performances are held at the Mary W. Sommervold Concert Hall, Hamre Recital Hall, and Harrisburg High School.

"After 7 great years with the SDSO, I will most of all miss the people: my wonderful colleagues, Youth Orchestra students and families, and our loyal SDSO supporters. I am proud of our work building the Youth Orchestra program in size and quality, and of the many special musical moments my SDSO colleagues and I were able to share with our community." – Thomas Fortner



SOUTH DAKOTA SYMPHONY YOUTH ORCHESTRA (SDSYO)

5 NUMBER OF ENSEMBLES

123 NUMBER OF TOTAL STUDENTS





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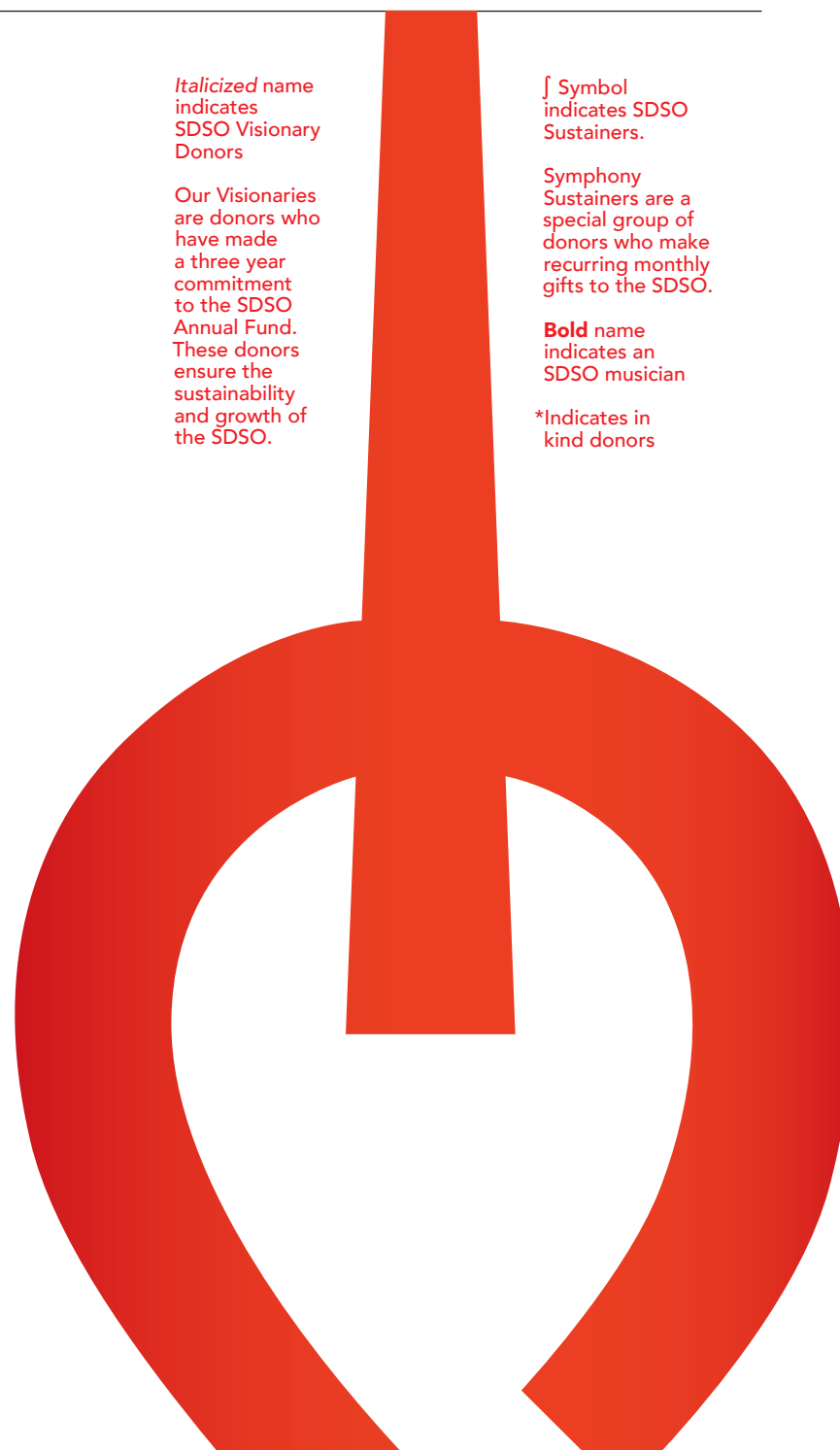
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RETIRING MUSICIANS

YEARS

- | | |
|-----------|---|
| 34 | Richard Getting, violin
(first joined in 1973) |
| 37 | Christopher Hill, clarinet |
| 22 | Robert McManus, oboe |
| 54 | Shireen Ranschau, cello |
| 25 | Leah Van Dam, violin |
| 40 | Anna Vorhes, harp |

2023-24 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS / REVENUE

\$ 515,084

TICKET SALES

\$ 300,751

ENDOWMENT

\$ 2,985,653

CONTRIBUTIONS

\$ 99,644

OTHER

\$ 200,629

GALA

\$ 4,101,581

TOTAL REVENUE

Financial data is unaudited

2023-24 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS / EXPENSES

\$ 715,772

ADMINISTRATION

\$ 294,950

MARKETING

\$ 132,471

DEVELOPMENT

\$ 1,725,720

CONCERTS, EDUCATION,
COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

\$ 2,868,913

TOTAL EXPENSES

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